

Remarks

Applicant and his representatives wish to thank Examiner Lee for the thorough examination of the present application, the detailed explanations in the Office Action dated March 9, 2011, and the indication that Claims 1-3 and 27-49 are allowed over the prior art.

The Examiner has indicated in the outstanding Office Action that the application is in condition for allowance except for the informalities identified in Claims 1, 27, 29, and 39. The informalities have been corrected as helpfully suggested by the Examiner, except for the language “said plurality of classes” in Claims 1, 27, 29, and 39, which has been amended to “said *first and second* classes” (see Claim 1, line 18; Claim 27, line 20; Claim 29, line 18; and Claim 39, line 16). The language “each of said plurality of classes” as previously recited in Claims 1, 27, 29, and 39 referred collectively to the first and second classes to which each of the plurality of regions is assigned (see Claim 1, ll. 15-17; Claim 27, ll. 17-19; Claim 29, ll. 15-17; and Claim 39, ll. 14-15). Thus, the language “said plurality of classes” in Claims 1, 27, 29, and 39 has been amended to refer specifically to the first and second classes.

Thus, the informalities identified by the Examiner in Claims 1, 27, 29, and 39 have been obviated or corrected by appropriate amendment, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusions

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all bases for objection are overcome, and the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

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If it is deemed helpful or beneficial to the efficient prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone.

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